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MONDAY, MAY 21, 1883.

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Hongkong, 11th May, 1883. [340]

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1883. [601]

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from Hongkong, China, and Japan to all parts of  
the world.

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1883. [393]

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CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 430,000.00  
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ACCUMULATIONS 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS  
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the Shareholders or not) in proportion to the  
premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD  
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883.

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN  
SHIPPING.

Agents,  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883. [457]

NOTICE

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HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

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Hongkong, 2nd August, 1882. [106]

**Auctions.****PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
&c., &c., &c.**

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,  
the 25th May, 1883, at TWO O'CLOCK P.M., at the  
Residence of Messrs. DEETJEN & Co.,  
No. 7, Garden Road,

THE ENTIRE  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,  
Comprising—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, CARPETS,  
TABLES, MIRRORS, PICTURES, CUR-

TAINS, &c., &c.

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE—GLASS,  
CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.

BED-ROOM FURNITURE—WARD-

ROBES, WASHING STANDS, DRESSING

TABLES, BEDSTEADS, &c.

SHANGHAI BATHS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale,  
and the above will be on view on THURSDAY

AFTERNOON.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1883. [397]

**NOTICES of Firms.**

**NOTICE.**  
**HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

M. R. H. R. MARTIN, has been ap-  
pointed MANAGER of the above Com-  
pany and takes charge from this date.

(Signed) P. RYRIE,  
Chairman Local Committee.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1883. [384]

**NOTICE.**

M. R. JEHN ROSELET is AUTHORISED  
to Sign Our Name per procuration from  
this date.

J. ULLMANN & Co.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [389]

**To be Let.**

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.  
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

No. 7, GARDEN ROAD (at present occupied  
by Messrs. DEETJEN & Co., and will be vacant  
on the 30th June next).

No. 14, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 10th April, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms)

with GARDEN, in Mosque Junction. The  
above has Gas and Water laid on; and im-  
mediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROOZEE,  
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1883. [18]

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 2, with entrance in ARBUTHNOT  
ROAD and Windows on WYNDHAM  
STREET.

Apply to

V. GUTIERREZ.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [386]

TO LET.

A SMALL DWELLING HOUSE at No. 3,  
Upper Ladder Street Terrace, Four Com-  
modious and well Ventilated Rooms, with a large  
Bath Room and Kitchen attached. Water laid  
on. The House commands a full view of the  
harbour. Rent \$15 per Month.

Apply on

THE PREMISES.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1883. [385]

**For Sale.**

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THE American Bank  
"JOHN WORSTER,"

Built at Medford, Mass., in 1867, as the now lies  
in Hongkong Harbour, with all her SPARS,  
SAILS, STORES, &c., &c.

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Hongkong, 2nd August, 1882. [106]

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John Inglesant.....	J. H. Shorthouse.....	Wm. Black.
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So they were Married.....	Bessant and Rice.....	W. Clark Russell.
Harry Joscelyn.....	Mrs. Oliphant.....	Asphodel.....
For her dear Sake.....	Mary Cecil Hay.....	Early History of Charles James Fox.....
High Spirits.....	James Payn.....	Paul and Virginia.....
Reminiscences of Thomas Carlyle.....	J. H. Shorthouse.....	240 Illustrations.
It was a lover and his lass.....	W. M. Thackeray.....	The Beautiful Wretch.....
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Ministering Children.....	Mrs. Charlesworth.....	W. H. Mallock.
The Pirate.....	Max Adler.....	Less black than we're painted.....
Random Shots.....	Robert Falconer.....	J. Payne.
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For Cash only.....	Jas. Payn.....	

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AERATED WATER,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
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THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,  
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BOTICA INGLESA,  
14, ESCOLTA, MANILA.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHOW. [3]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

DEATHS.

On the 26th March, on board the s.s. *Priam*, in the Red Sea, WILLIAM EDWARD HENRY DUNN, formerly of Blackheath, and late of Hongkong, aged 44.

On the 4th April, at Leatherhead, the wife of WM. KESWICK, late of Hongkong.

On the 7th April, at Marine-parade, Wootton, PERCIVAL RHODES, formerly of Hongkong, second son of the late James Rhodes, of Scale Lodge, Sunney, aged 36 years.

REPORTED REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA.

Several officers of the Russian Imperial Guard have been arrested, and are charged with complicity in a revolutionary movement which has lately been discovered.

her whole strength against her enemy. On the other hand, Russia would have to take precautions against invasions from both Germany and Austria at the same time. Thus it is clear that the odds would be greatly against Russia, and that even were Prussian influence in the ascendancy it would be a very serious matter for Russia to enter upon a war. The only danger, indeed, is that the statesmen of Vienna may be tempted to attempt to extend their authority in the Balkan Peninsula, and in so doing make it impossible for Russia to remain quiet. In the same way Italy is relieved from all anxieties respecting Austria. Her only possible enemy now is France. But France is warned that an attack upon Italy would involve her in hostilities with Germany, and she therefore would have to provide against an invasion from both Germany and Italy at the same time; while Italy, like Austria, would have only one enemy to fear. Germany, it is true, might be attacked both by Russia and by France at the same time; but, as we have just been showing, she would have two allies each able to hurl its whole army against a single enemy. One other consideration not to be lost sight of is the very respectable fleet that the three allies will be able to send to sea. In 1870 France was so overwhelmingly powerful at sea that the German fleet never ventured out of its harbours. In case of a war between Germany and Russia alone, Russia also would be probably the more powerful at sea. But the fleets of Germany, Austria, and Italy united, would be very powerful, and certainly against a single enemy they would be superior at sea. Thus the foolish invasion of Tunis has resulted in totally isolating France in Europe, and placing her in a position in which practically she is at the mercy of her neighbours. With such a warning before her she is hardly likely to put herself again in the wrong. Russia is equally unlikely to give any cause of offence.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, May 18th.

A NEW SUZ CANAL.

M. Ferdinand de Lesseps has declared that he intends starting a company with the object of constructing a second Suez Canal.

May 19th.

THE PHENIX PARK MURDERS.

The trial at Dublin of the persons accused of being concerned in the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke in Phoenix Park last May has been brought to a conclusion.

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REVERING the loss of the U.S.S. *Ashesto*, we (*Hirogo News*) find it stated in the *Army and Navy Journal*, that the result of the preliminary inquiry makes Commander Muller culpable. A Court-martial will be held, and some officers have arrived from America, as there were not a sufficient number of the necessary rank on the station to try the officer in charge of the *Ashesto*. The *Army and Navy Journal* says that "its specific charges preferred against Commander Muller are not definitely known, but according to the report in a private letter, which reached the ears of the Secretary of the Navy, the loss of the vessel is ascribed to the temporary incapacity of her commanding officer, resulting from an indiscretion on his part."

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their peculiarities, and the most suitable means of dealing with them than this distinguished Consular officer; the best wishes of the whole community accompany him home. During his stay in Canton, Mr. Travens has endeared himself to all who had the privilege of knowing him, by his amiable and just character; and the absence from the settlement will be keenly felt.

Telegraphic communication between Canton and Hongkong will be *unfail accmpli* within a very short time.

The Canton Harbour is now provided with four buoys for mooring purposes. They are owned by some of the leading shipping companies. Since these buoys have been placed in position vessels have not been known to for each other so frequently, as formerly, when swinging in our shallow and rather confined harbour, where serious accidents are only avoided by the exemplary order kept by the attentive and careful harbour authorities.

#### SHANGHAI.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SHANGHAI, May 16th, 1883.

Rumour is current here to the effect that one of the largest and wealthiest firms in this place has definitely arranged for the purchase of a fine fleet of suitable steamers, for the Coast Trade of China, and that the new company will be in full swing during 1884. If this be so, and the steamers are as I hear really suitable to the Coast Trade, then a very hard hit will have been made at the existing coasting companies, more particularly so at the Chinese Company, for none of them possess such steamers as the nature of the trade and the climate demands.

Taking it for granted that such a company actually commences to work, then I wonder how the mortgaged property (in this line) of Li Hung Chang will look?

For a long time past first class Chinese and European passengers have been obliged to travel by the mail hence to your port and vice versa; and have often inconvenienced themselves to do so rather than travel in the nasty cramped up regular coasters; so we shall find with pleasure the arrival of really first class suitable coasters in these waters.

His Highness the Maharajah of Johore left for Japan this morning. He paid official visits to the various consuls here and occupied a good deal of time in viewing the wonders of the Model Settlement; but did so under the most unfavourable circumstances, for rain, rain, rain, has been the order of the day almost ever since H. H. favoured the port with his presence. It is understood that the Rajah will return to the Straits via Shanghai in the course of a few weeks.

As regards telegraphs it is pretty well understood here that the Eastern Extension Australian and China Telegraph Company have arranged with the Chinese, at last, to have their cable landed at Woosung; close to where the Danish cable is landed; and to connect thence to Shanghai by land wire a distance of 36 li, which land line, however, is Chinese property and for the use of it 2 per cent of the gross earnings of the Company will have to be paid to the Chinese Telegraph administration. On 22nd that the Danish Company will also have to pay 2 per cent out of their gross earnings to the Chinese, but I query this.

Wonders will never end and surely just imagine the Municipal Council of this place, have actually issued instructions to the police to shoot all stray dogs they catch in future. The following from the correspondence just published by order of the M. C. may be of interest to some of your readers. "The Superintendent of Police reports that from 20th March to 6th May, 652 dogs have been caught by the police, of which 142 were killed and 510 sent to the refuge. Of the latter 41 died, 62 were claimed and given up, and 2 escaped leaving 403 now in the Refuge, all which have had their ears cut, so that they would be easily recognized if allowed to escape."

Decided to have all the dogs caught by the Police shot, as recommended by Health Officer, and not to give up any more to the Benevolent Society.

It is no wonder that the Council have decided to prevent, as far as lies in their power, the increase of pariah dogs in and around our Settlements when they know that there are (owing to their leniency) upwards of 500 dogs and bitches mixed up together and perpetuating their breed promiscuously in the Refuge. It is a horrible thought to think what awful results there might be if some malicious anti-foreign rascal were to cut an opening in the frail structure composing the Refuge and let these diseased brutes loose in our midst. Does it not seem just and right that the whole of the inmates of the Refuge should be exterminated forthwith? You are more lucky, in Hongkong, than we are in regard to such a horrid nuisance as I now write about.

After a stormy week we have now bright and genial weather and sun hats are making their appearance.

**NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.**

The French mail steamer *Amazone*, Captain Macé, with the London mail of the 13th ult., arrived in harbour early yesterday morning. We take the subjoined items from the *London and China Express* of April 13th:—

Lord Harris will this evening ask a question in the House of Lords as to the actual state of relations at the present moment between France and Annam.

His Excellency the Marquis Tseng, Chinese Minister to this country, will attend the coronation of the Czar at Moscow as the representative of the Emperor of China.

Prince Prasidang, the Siamese Minister to London, proceeded to Paris on the 8th inst., on further diplomatic business with the French Government relating to the Sino-French Convention.

It is reported that should the coronation of the Czar take place during the time that H. E. Ito is on a visit to Europe it is probable he will attend as the representative of the Mikado of Japan.

The *Himalaya*, screw steamer, Captain H. St. L. B. Palmer, from Hongkong February 8th, since April 1st, arrived at Malta yesterday, and proceeded for Gibraltar and Devonport. The corvette *Encounter* arrived at Aden yesterday from the China station.

The following appointments in Hongkong have been duly confirmed:—Mr. J. Russell to be Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court, in place of the late Mr. Francis Snowden; Mr. George Hayward to be Superintendent of the Victoria Jail.

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Captain Richard Carter, R.N., has been awarded the good-service pension rendered vacant by the promotion of Captain C. T. Jagoe to flag rank. Captain Carter served in the *Leander* in the Baltic expedition of 1864, and was engaged in the capture of a portion of the city of Canton on

October 29th, 1856, and at the storming of the Canton in December, 1857. (China medal, Canton clasp.)

Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast, have launched a vessel named the *Fingal*, which is said to be the largest sailing vessel afloat. She is intended for the Calcutta trade. Her dimensions are as follows:—Length 350 ft., breadth of beam 42 ft. 6 in., and registered tonnage 2,518 tons. She will be capable of carrying a dead weight of 4,200 tons, and is classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's. She is constructed of steel.

We hear that it is under consideration to found a Chinese Charitable Cambodge University, similar to the one that was established at Oxford a few years since. It is probable, should it be resolved to found one, that Sir THOMAS WADE, K.C.B., would probably be the first occupant. Perhaps Sir Thomas, should he be offered the post and accept it, might be induced to give the University the benefit of the extensive Chinese library he possesses.

The negotiations on the Opium Question are, we believe, progressing, though slowly. As would be inferred from the correspondence on the question that was published last autumn, H. M.'s Government are willing to concede a further increase in duty and *lekin*, provided that sufficient guarantees are given that no further charges will be made above the authorized duty, and that the stipulations are properly carried out with respect to the question of *lekin* dues, not only on Opium, but on all foreign goods.

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The Japanese who recently arrived in this country to purchase ships have, we believe, two missions—one to buy vessels for the new company, the Kioto Unyu Kwaisha, and the other for men-of-war for the Government. The members who have come are Mr. Ito, late captain of the *Kongo Kai*, Mr. Sato, of the Construction Department at Tokio, Mr. Irwin, Captain Brown, and Captain James. For the commercial company they are to purchase or have built, we believe, eight vessels, whilst for the Navy they will purchase or build—most probably the latter two men-of-war. This will very likely be on the model of the gunboats that have been supplied to China, and which are generally known by the name of the Alphabetical gunboats. The two fast cruisers which, it was supposed, were built for the Peruvian Government and were lately at Kiel some time, but more recently at Southampton, have been found to be unsuitable. By no amount of alteration could they be made to carry 25-ton guns.

**MAILS EXPECTED.**

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Rohilla*, with the next English mail, left Singapore on Friday, the 18th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 23d.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanus*, with the next American mail, will leave Yokohama for this port to-morrow, and is due here on the 25th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Scottish Oriental Steamship Company's steamer *Kong Beng*, from Glasgow, left Singapore on the 14th instant, and may be looked for here on or about the 21st.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenfinnan* left Singapore on the 15th instant, and is due here on or about the 21st.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Achilles* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 16th instant, and is due here on the 23d.

The Ben Line steamer *Benvenue* left Singapore on the 20th instant, and is expected here on the 26th.

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#### TOOTAL'S TRUSTS.

Can a native born Englishman who has fixed his residence in a treaty port of the Chinese Empire acquire thereby a new domicile so as at his death to exempt his personal estate from the operation of the English Legacy Duty Acts?

This important revenue question has been raised in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, and has been answered by Mr. Justice Chitty in the negative. Domicile disputes are common enough, and are very often extremely difficult to decide. The law is clear, but the usual doubt is as to the testator's purpose.

The point raised is whether his change of abode has been intended by him to be so permanent as to effect a change of domicile, and thus to bring his property from the operation of the English law. The objection to such a plea as this would have been too strong for it to have been urged to any purpose. It has been laid down that the natural immobility of the Eastern and Western nations raises every presumption against the intention of British Christian subjects voluntarily to become domiciled in the dominions of an Asiatic sovereign, nor is it likely that Mr. Tootal's legatees would have gained much by a plea which would have placed the testator's effects within the power of a native Chinese judge.

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## Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.

Business in the Share Market is still rather dull. Banks are wanted at 181 per cent. premium for the end of the month, but we have not heard of any shares being forthcoming at that rate. North China Insurances have changed hands at \$1,500 per share, a decrease of \$100 per share since Saturday. Canton Insurances are out of favor at \$120 per share. Hongkong Fires have been sold at \$1,300 but there are further sellers at the same figure. Docks are slightly weaker, offers to sell at 53 premium failing to attract buyers. Luzons have dropped to \$63 per share for cash, sales at that rate having been booked and also further sales at 66 for the end of June. Ices are in request at quotation. Nothing else requires special mention.

4 o'clock p.m.

Banks are somewhat firmer since noon and are in request at 184 per cent. premium for the end of June; sales have been booked, at 188 premium for the end of July. Luzons have changed hands at \$67 per share for July 31st. No other transactions came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—147 per cent. premium.  
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Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$625 per share, sellers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$4,400 per share, buyers.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,500 per share, ex div., sales.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,300 per share, sellers.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$345 per share, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—53 per cent. premium, sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$4 per share, premium, buyers.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—122 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$180 per share, sellers.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—5 per cent. prem., sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$184 per share, sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.  
Lucon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$63 per share, sales.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$165 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—14 per cent. prem., ex. int.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 percent. prem., sales.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. .... 3/1  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/1  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/1  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/1  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/8  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/8 @ 3/8 1/2

ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. .... 4/6  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4/6  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 4/6  
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. .... 2/24  
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. .... 2/23  
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight ..... 7/21  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 7/21

## OPPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA ..... per picul, \$530 (Allowance, Taels 12.)  
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NEW PATNA ..... per chest, \$600  
OLD PATNA (first choice) ..... per chest, \$585  
OLD PATNA (second choice) ..... per chest, \$571  
OLD PATNA (bottom) ..... per chest, \$587  
OLD PATNA (without choice) ..... per chest, \$573  
NEW BENARES (high touch) ..... per chest, \$562  
NEW BENARES (low touch) ..... per chest, \$555  
NEW PERSIAN ..... per picul, \$380 (Allowance, Taels 24.)  
OLD PERSIAN ..... per picul, \$410 (Allowance, Taels 8.)

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

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Thermometer attached.....	73.0	73.5	73.0	73.5	73.5
Disection of Wind.....	2	4	2	4	3
Force.....	3	4	2	4	3
Dry Thermometer.....	83.0	79.0	74.0	65.0	60.0
Wet Thermometer.....	75.0	73.5	68.0	63.0	55.5
Weather.....	b	c	b	c	c
Hour's Rain.....	—	—	—	—	—
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Barometer, level of the sea in inches, tens and hundreds.—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tenths kept in the open air, subject to sun and direct heat. Wind, measured every hour N. W. E. S. S. E. E. N. N. E. 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